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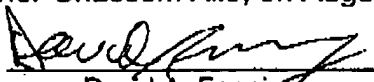
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**RESPONSE TO SECOND RESTRICTION AND/OR
ELECTION REQUIREMENT**


In response to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2004, applicant hereby elects what the Examiner identified as Group VIII, claims 24-28. Applicant further elects claims 1 and 29 and requests that they be examined with claims 24-28. Applicant notes that the Examiner did not place claim 1 or 29 in any group. Applicant further notes that this is the second restriction requirement.

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